

THREE CHILDREN KILLED IN TENEMENT-HOUSE FIRE.

Four Persons Are Badly Burned and 100 Escape to the Street by Fire-Escapes—Heroic Firemen Make Rescues—Father Tried to Save Loved Ones.

RESCUE OF THE LEBOWITZ FAMILY.

Three lives were lost, four persons badly burned and more than 100 driven



In panic down fire-escapes and over roofs to a fire that partially destroyed the tenement house at 74 Forsyth street early this morning.

An entire family of eleven persons might have been killed but for the work of policemen, who got them out of a burning apartment across a narrow plank stretched five stories above the street over an airshaft, from which flame and smoke were spouting as from the cone of a volcano.

THE DEAD.

The dead are:

ANNE LEBOWITZ, thirteen years old.

MELBA LEBOWITZ, her sister, eleven years old.

JOHN LEBOWITZ, a brother, six years old.

THE INJURED.

SIMON LEBOWITZ, tailor, father of the dead children, terribly burned about the face, neck, hands and chest.

DORA LEBOWITZ, three and a half years old, his daughter, burned about the head and face while in her father's arms.

MICHAEL RAUSCHBAUM, sixty-three years old, tailor; severe burns about head, face and nose.

BESSIE PORT, twelve years old; burned about the hands.

It was 1:30 o'clock when, without the slightest warning, flames shot from the roof of the big tenement in which more than thirty families were asleep. The fire was seen by Policemen Steiner and Hoffmann, who dashed into the hallway, intending to run upstairs, but were driven back by flames that had already attacked the stairway.

STARTED AMONG BOXES.

The fire had started among a lot of boxes in the cellar, and is supposed to have come from a gas engine used to pump water to the top of the house. It got to the airshaft between 74 and 72 before it was discovered and shot to the roof rapidly. It attacked the stairway, and within a few minutes had reached the fifth floor, where it spread on all sides through the narrow hallways.

The tenants were aroused to find their escape by the stairway completely cut off. A wild dash was made for the fire-escapes in the front and rear.

The front and back of the building were soon black with people, screaming, shouting, struggling and threatening to throw themselves to the ground.

From the airshaft the flames spread through the top floor before the four families there were awakened.

The first one on the top floor to discover the fire was Rebecca Solomon, seventy years old, mother of Mrs. Lebowitz, who, with the tailor, his wife and eight children, occupied the rear apartment on the south side of the building.

She gave the alarm, and Lebowitz, collecting the eleven persons and grabbing little Dora in his arms, made a rush for the hallway to reach the roof. As he opened the door flames and smoke burst in and Lebowitz saw that the fire had already attacked the short stairway to the roof.

He made the attempt to reach it, but was driven back terribly burned.

SHELTERED BY FATHER.

The child was also severely burned, but her father managed to partially shelter her from the flames.

The tenement rises one story above 72 and 74, which are only five stories high. From Lebowitz's apartment a window looks out on the roof of 72.

But an airshaft separates the two buildings, and from the ground to the roof this airshaft was a mass of smoke and flame, which was spouting up in the air as Lebowitz ran to the window.

Just then Policeman Frederick W. Klem and Detective Otto R. Knecht, of Inspector Thompson's staff, reached the roof of 72.

They saw through the smoke the blanched faces of Lebowitz and his family at the window across the airshaft.

They got a plank, which they stretched from the roof of 72 to the Lebowitz window. It was run across diagonally to avoid the flames as much as possible.

Over this frail bridge of a plank sixteen inches wide the policemen went.

They gathered the family together and Klem came back to the roof. Knecht then passed the members of the family over the narrow bridge, with the flames roaring around their feet and five stories of a terrible fall beneath them should they stumble.

When all at the window had gotten over Knecht's shoulder, then Lebowitz looked around suddenly.

"My daughter," he yelled, "my little daughter, she is there yet!"

Lighted on back over the plank, and

on the floor near the window found the child Dora lying unconscious.

Flames were then pouring into the apartment, and he had barely time to escape with the girl in his arms. The entire family was hurried over the roof to No. 64.

There Lebowitz counted them and found only eight of the eleven persons. Annie, Melba and John were missing. Like a madman, despite his burns, he dashed into the Eldridge street station a few minutes later crying that three of his children were in the burning house.

It was then too late to save them. After the firemen had got the flames under control the bodies were found in the burned-out apartment. Annie and Melba lay within four feet of each other in the hallway.

TRIED TO ESCAPE.

They had evidently followed their father in his first attempt to reach the stairway to the roof and had fallen unconscious. John's body was found in a room.

All were terribly blackened and burned by the flames.

Max Wall and his family of three in the apartment on the north side of the top floor escaped over the airshaft between 74 and 76 to the roof of the latter building.

Michael Raushbaum, a laborer on the fifth floor, tried to dash into the hallway on the fifth floor and got severely burned. His daughter, Sophia, dragged him back and the family got down the rear fire-escape.

Beattie Port, twelve years old, and her sister Sarah were the first to get down the rear fire-escape. They were followed by about seventy persons, who found themselves penned in the yard by a high fence, with the flames and smoke driving them to the farthest corner. They were taken over the fence to the rear yard of 72 by Policemen Ryan and Darnfield and Special Officer Lazarus.

EXCITING SCENES.

Exciting scenes occurred in the front of the house. While the people were wildly clamoring for aid on the fire-escapes, Policemen Steiner and Hoffmann, who had climbed on the shoulders of Policemen Murphy and reached the fire-escape balcony on the first floor. Then as the people climbed down the ladders and reached him he passed men, women and children one by one to Murphy and other officers in the street.

Finally, with two children in his arms, Steiner fell off the fire-escape, but he managed to save the children and himself without serious injury.

The superstitious wondered at the escape of the Raushbaum family because they occupied apartments numbered 12.

The loss was \$300.

As soon as the fire was put out policemen entered the building to search for more bodies, and also to gather up jewelry or money that might be there. They found rings, pins and watches of all descriptions. All the valuables were taken to the Eldridge street police station.

On a fire-escape at the fifth floor a cat was discovered which had sat calmly

watching the firemen at work and escaped unhurt.

PART OF HOSPITAL BURNED

Patients in the Kings County Institution Are Not Disturbed.

Fire gutted the laundry and storeroom of the Kings County Hospital near Clarkson street, Flatbush, early to-day and did about \$20,000 damage.

Twenty thousand pieces of clothing belonging to the inmates and employees were burned. These were valued at \$20,000, which made the total loss \$40,000.

The building is a two-story brick structure, 100 feet long. It is sixty feet back of the hospital and entirely disconnected with it.

Night Watchman John O'Connell discovered the fire, and after turning in an alarm informed Supt. Duryea.

There are between 600 and 700 patients in the hospital and the Superintendent immediately sent the entire force of nurses up through the wards to prevent any excitement. The curtains were lowered and windows closed. Few patients knew of the fire.

FIRE IN DRILL-ROOM.

Electrical Wires Start Blaze in Forty-seventh Regiment Armory.

Fire was discovered this morning in a one-story brick extension used as a drill-room, adjoining the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory, at Marcy avenue and Hayward street, Brooklyn. It was extinguished, with a loss of \$200.

Imperfect insulation of electric wires is said to have caused the blaze.

CROWD FORGOT TO SEND IN AN ALARM OF FIRE.

A fire in a tailor shop of Schwimmer Bros., 77 Third avenue, at 7:30 o'clock this morning, did between \$1,000 and \$2,000 damage.

The crowd stood in front for about five minutes when it was discovered that no alarm had been sent in. This was immediately done.

"The Shadow of the Temple," by Clara Morris, a story of fascinating interest, will be begun in The Evening World to-morrow.

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